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G. W. JONES, Business Manager.
Sworn to and subscribed before me the 24 day of December, 1895.

(Seal.) HARRY M. DUBRING,
Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo.

My term expires Oct. 27, 1896.

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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.

EXPOSITION MUSIC HALL—(Grand Opera)—
"The Old Knicker." "The Old Knicker."
GRAND—Pavilion Hall.
HAYLINS—On the Mississippi.
STANDARD—Gus Hill's Novelty.

MATINEES TO-MORROW.

HAYLINS—On the Mississippi.

HAVE THE CHECKS READY.

All that is necessary to be said regarding the importance of securing the Republican National Convention for St. Louis and as to the conditions essential to securing it was said at the Mercantile Club meeting. The rest is work.

The critical point in the campaign now is the success of the committees appointed in the various branches of business to solicit funds. There is no time to be lost. In order to be prepared the committees must make a rapid canvass and the responses must be prompt and liberal.

The money to be contributed by citizens for the convention is not gift, but an investment which will bring back a return in the future. It should be promptly subscribed. The checks should be ready when the committees call. With the purse in hand St. Louis will be a strong favorite.

THE CUBAN BLUNDER.

Not only does the President's message regarding Cuba disappoint expectation, but it offends the generous sentiments of the American people.

Although there may be good reason in international law and national policy to withhold for the present the recognition of belligerent rights from the Cuban insurgents, there is the highest moral obligation on the part of the American people to extend sympathy and encouragement to the Cubans in their struggle for independence and freedom from cruel oppression. It would have been a most becoming and righteous act on the part of the Chief Executive to voice this strong and proper sentiment.

It is not reassuring to the friends of political progress to find the nation which stands and has stood from its beginning as an exemplar and champion of human liberty permitting the sentiment and traditional policy in favor of freedom and justice to yield to the distinctions in international usages and considerations of courtesy towards an oppressive monarchy. The voice of the United States should be the first raised in behalf of justice in government and in support of those who revolt against oppression, regardless of the feelings of the oppressors.

If in the struggle for American independence France had let considerations of courtesy towards England restrain her generous sentiment in behalf of an insurgent people fighting for freedom, America might still be under the rule of the British crown. In trying to repress instead of expressing the sentiment of the people the President has merely given a Republican Congress an opportunity to rebuke the Democratic Administration.

AN EASTERN ORIGIN'S HOWL.

The Kansas City Times enters a blatant protest against the Post-Dispatch's exposure of the Northeast's motive of greed in attempting to shape the monetary policy of the Government.

It is not surprising that the Kansas City Times views with alarm any attempt to expose the East's grab game or to enlighten the West as to its true interests. It is the mission of the Times to mislead and deceive the people of the West as to the real objects of the East.

to make black appear white and to paint the mask of patriotism on the face of greed. It is thereby doing the work of its Eastern masters in whose service it has become bankrupt in pocket and popularity.

The Post-Dispatch did nothing more than print the statistics showing that the wealth of the West and South is absorbed by the East; that the bulk of the money is in the East; that the West is mortgaged for the benefit of the East; and that the gold standard conspiracy is an attempt to double the value of this mortgage.

But the publication of these facts is sufficient to excite the terror and alarm of the Kansas City Times, which is an Eastern newspaper conducted for and by Eastern mortgagors. It can get no sustenance from the Western people, whom it has alienated by its treachery to the West and servility to the East. It must look to the East for the few crumbs it gets and pay for them with slave service.

The Post-Dispatch is indifferent to either the approval or disapproval of the Times. The latter represents nothing in the State of Missouri but a lot of bad debts. Its hostility, however, is rather grateful than otherwise as a proof that we are doing good according to the West and for true Democracy.

A HOPEFUL AUGURY.

Yesterday's meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee was a hopeful augury for Democratic success in Missouri next year. No questions were introduced into the proceedings calculated to arouse dominant antagonism, and the address to the Democracy of the State issued and signed by all the members of the committee is a clear, concise and convincing definition of the salient issue that must be determined by the people of Missouri in the campaign of 1896. It strikes a keynote which Democratic efforts and orators will cause to echo throughout the State.

Chairman Maffitt wisely refrained from insisting upon his resignation. Under the circumstances he could hardly have done less than offer it, and the committee acted judiciously in feeling to accept it. The retention of all the old officers of the committee is proof positive that in the enlargement of the committee a principle was vindicated, and that in vindicating it there was no desire or intention to inflict personal humiliation upon any one.

The principle thus vindicated is the right of a political party to control its agents instead of being controlled by them. And it is just as well to remember that had this fundamental principle of party organization been accepted six months ago as loyalty is it is acquiesced in now, there would have been no discord within the party, no Perdy Springs Convention and no new committee.

THE GOLD BLUNDER FURNISHED.

Ex-Speaker Crisp in a few words punctures the blather of Mr. Cleveland's argument concerning the necessity of retiring all the greenbacks and Sherman notes to preserve the gold reserve and the public credit.

The ex-Speaker points out that the President's assumption that our obligations are payable in gold is false, as there is no law in the statute book justifying this assumption. On the contrary, all bonds, Treasury notes and other obligations of the Government are payable in "gold," that is, in gold or silver of the present standard of weight and fineness. All that is necessary to relieve the gold stock of excessive drafts is for the Secretary of the Treasury to exercise the option, expressly given him by law to pay in gold or silver as convenience may require.

If the Secretary of the Treasury exercised this legal option he could protect the gold stock from its continuous drain and could make use of the idle stock of silver in the Treasury. By this course the necessity of issuing bonds could be avoided, and there would be no occasion for the retirement of greenbacks and the turning of the control of the currency over to the national banks.

As the Post-Dispatch has frequently asserted, the real cause of the worst troubles of the Treasury is the fact that the Administration is willing to sacrifice the interests of the country in order to maintain the single gold standard in the interest of the financiers.

So irresistibly beautiful is the art work of the Sunday Post-Dispatch that it is impossible for contemporaries to faithfully and exactly reproduce it. It is being drawn upon by the syndicate press of the country. A recent issue of the Tri-City Progress of Madison, Ill., contains an exquisite reproduction of the "Sensation of the Whist League," the dainty drawing that originally appeared in the Sunday Post-Dispatch and was promptly pirated the following Sunday by the Chicago Chronicle, as was also "Sunday Morning After Service" by the Salt Lake Tribune. Of course, it is a tribute to the beauty of the Sunday Post-Dispatch when syndicates as well as individual newspapers are unable to resist the temptation to steal its art work, but there is a grave danger in this very fact. It is ethically wholesome for contemporaries, syndicates and otherwise, to delight and educate their readers at the cost of a continual stifling of their own moral natures by thus displaying as original charms the beauties borrowed without leave from the Sunday Post-Dispatch.

St. Louisians who passed the corner of Sixth and Olive streets to-day were doubtless surprised and delighted to see an old man with a brown coat and a white shirt. The man was carefully scattering the piles of dust and refuse heaped up by the machine brushes so that they would not be so noticeable to passers-by. Visitors to the city will see that some work is done on our streets and that we expect to have a clean and beautiful city.

There are men who in Mr. Reed's place would have said: "Fellow-citizens, I am a candidate for President. As Speaker of the House, whatever I might do would be looked upon as an attempt on my part to use my place as an aid in acquiring the Chief Magistracy. I want to be above suspicion. I therefore decline to accept the speakership of the House. The man who enters the Presidency must be all things to all men."

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WELL KNOWN ST. LOUISANS.



W. Jaegerman.

W. Jaegerman was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1848. He received the usual thorough training of German children and then served five years on the bench in a retail jeweler's shop. He followed this up with a course at a technical school and after receiving his diploma sailed for America. He came to St. Louis in 1874. After ten years' work as a jeweler and watch repairer he conceived the idea of establishing a watch-making school. The experiment was successful and for ten years Mr. Jaegerman has supplied the jewelry houses of the West with experienced artisans.

MEN OF MARK.

Lombroso, the famous cynic, was recently fined \$300 at Rouen for literary piracy. Plagiarism is one of the earmarks of degeneration.

Dumas' last play remains unacted, as it is such a savage attack upon Parisian journalism that no manager has had the courage to produce it.

Gen. Longstreet, the Confederate leader, whose patriotic utterances at the Chickamauga dedication brought him into considerable prominence, is keeping a hotel in Gainesville, Ga. He says the business is less exciting than war, but vastly safer.

Chief Eisenhauer of the Philadelphia Bureau of City Property owns the printed copy of the Declaration of Independence which Col. John Nixon sent to the people of that city on August 8, 1776. The city will probably buy the document and present it to the National Museum.

The Rev. Dr. George W. Carter, who is now on trial before the Virginia Methodist conference for alleged violations of church laws, is 70 years old, and has had a somewhat stormy career. He has been divorced twice, has fought two duels, has edited a newspaper, has been a college professor and has always preached Gospel sermons.

WOMEN OF NOTE.

Signora Duce recently visited Rome to say farewell to her friends before her tour in Northern Europe and this country. After that she played three nights at Trieste and now she is in Germany and Norway.

As Calvé is anxious to sing the part of "Lady Macbeth," Verdi, it is said, has undertaken to revise for her his opera of "Macbeth," which was originally produced in Florence in 1847. It was greatly changed by the composer thirty years ago for its first performance in Paris, but was not successful.

Miss Lillian Bell's chief objection to the man of less than thirty-five years, as stated in the Ladies' Home Journal, is that he cannot converse, but merely talks—and talks badly. Probably the author of "The Love Affairs of an Old Maid" is not speaking from personal experience, for she is so vivacious a converser as sometimes to make listening obligatory.

Miss Strong, whom Frau Wagner has engaged for next year's Bayreuth festival, is a New York girl, being a daughter of the late Demas Strong, once a prominent and successful lawyer in this city. Miss Strong's teacher, Francis Korber, who took her to London last month, where she won a brilliant triumph in Wagnerian roles, believes she is soon to be recognized as one of the world's greatest singers.

HALF A DOZEN JOKES.

Guest: "Bring me some canvas back duck." Waiter: "We've just cut it." Guest: "Well, make it canvas back ham, then." Chicago Record.

She: "And you told me it would ever be your aim to make me laugh but not be of happiness. And to think that I believed you!" He: "That's nothing. I believed it at the time myself."

Proprietor: "Where is the bookkeeper?" Office Boy: "He isn't in. His wife sent him word that the baby was asleep and he's gone home to see what it looks like." Louisville Truth.

Violinist proudly: "The instrument I shall use at my house to-morrow evening, will be a violin made by the master, Giovanni, 'Oh, never mind that. It is good enough. No one will know the difference.'" Harper's Bazar.

Mr. Dunn: "I called to see about a little bill I left here about a month ago." Mr. Short: "Oh, it's all right; you needn't be alarmed. I've laid it away where it won't be disturbed. No need for you to call again." Boston Transcript.

NOT LOOKING FOR FRANK.

From the Brookfield (Mo.) Argus.
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HOW A DEMOCRAT VIEWS IT.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

I see that Dave Francis, through his paper, the Republic, is denouncing the Post-Dispatch for trying to keep up a division in the Democratic party by still advocating free coinage, thus keeping up a division over what the Republic calls "trifles."

After our last Democratic nominating convention the Republic was boasting how Dave Francis succeeded in keeping blind from putting 16 to 1 in the platform and how well he succeeded in securing a majority of the committee. This John Sherman wing ran the campaign, and the result was that over 1,500 Democrats in this country were so disgusted that they would not go to the polls and in other counties the same disgust prevailed. The result was that Dave Francis, the Republic and the cuckoo committee turned the State over to the Republicans, and instead of trying to repeat it they should hang their heads with shame for the disgrace they have already brought on the party.

The Democracy has had enough of their political dictation for all time. The Democracy objects to the gold standard and its necessary attendant, the national banks, which the Democratic party was organized under. Jefferson's policy was to keep the standard and national banks a trifle, then the principles of Democracy and the noble conflicts of our Democratic fathers with the old blue light Federalists to defeat the national banks was about a trifle. These John Sherman Democrats may call all this a trifle, but if one of them was a candidate for any office on his gold standard platform he could not carry a precinct in the State. He would find that the Democracy of the State prefer that the Democracy should hang in there and be stricken down and they are to become the financial bonded slaves of Europeans, they prefer that the Republicans should bear the disgrace of carrying out what Sherman committed to them. They recognize no John Sherman wing of Democracy or such folly.

How, we ask, are they to maintain the gold standard? With \$200,000,000 of our Government bonds that are soon due and with \$200,000,000 of gold in the United States, the Government had the power to compel every one to hand up their last gold piece to the Secretary of the Treasury and he would say it on the bonds, our last gold piece would be gone and not a gold dollar left. They should hang in there, straight up and stand upon a dollar to redeem the bank notes, the greenbacks and silver retired and no money for the people.

This is the gold craze. We call upon the whole goldbug fraternity to tell us silver men where they expect to get the gold from to keep up a gold standard. Some information on this subject would be more acceptable than goldbug speeches that prate about party, European agreements, etc.

Cleveland in his message sounded the keynote of the goldbugs when he wanted \$200,000,000 of gold bonds issued and sold in Europe to get gold to meet the payment of these bonds. This is the goldbug craze, to make these bonds and the \$200,000,000 of gold bonds upon the lands of this country and all other debts payable in gold, when every man with a thumbful of brains knows that it is utterly impossible to get either the gold or its equivalent to pay the indebtedness of the country.

The Government itself must borrow with bonds several hundred millions annually to maintain its existence.

Little does the English capitalist care who makes the laws in this country, so long as he can collect the clear profits of all the land and labor of the country with his gold standard.

The goldbugs have a great deal to say about the Populist craze. The Populists want the Government to take possession of the railroads and transportation lines, telegraph lines, etc. The assessed valuation of these is about \$100,000,000, which is more than all the coined money in the world, and since the Constitution of the United States declares that private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation, etc., so the Government must pay for these lines, which makes it an impossibility for the Government to do so, hence the Populist craze is as harmless a craze as if they proposed to abolish the moon with their hands, and unless heads happens to be located on the sunny side, there is no prospect of a Republican ever getting them. Respectfully yours, etc., WILLIAM D. BUSH, Nelson, Salina Co., Mo., Dec. 1.

Waterston on Trainers.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.
He who favors a third term in the Presidency is a double-dyed traitor to his country. The man who would seriously contemplate the fourth nomination of Mr. Cleveland by the Democratic party not only proclaims himself an enemy of his party, but he proclaims himself an enemy of his country without a conscience. Such a man was capable of any villainy. If there be any such anywhere, still claiming to be a Democrat, and having his senses about him, his disavowal the Courier-Journal invites, because for him we hold a positive abhorrence.

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WOMEN'S FASHIONS.



Novelties in Neckwear.

One of the novelties in neckwear is a new and original style of collar. It is made of a soft material and is worn over the neck and shoulders. It is a very stylish and comfortable collar.

Fried Cakes.

A strange custom among the Bavarians, who live along the Upper Congo, has been described by explorers. Brass rings, sometimes weighing thirty pounds, are welded around the necks of the wives. At first the neck becomes raw by the chafing, but a woman has to hold the ring up frequently to get relief from the weight. The ring is never put around a neck until the woman has attained her full development. The women are proud of their ornament, believing that it enhances their importance and beauty.

Do You Know?

That benzine rubbed on the edges of carpet is a sure preventive of moths. That rummer patch stains silk in milk for forty-eight hours or rub with lemon juice and salt.

Keeping the Baby Too Warm.

Many young mothers seem to think that the more the baby is kept warm the more it will thrive. The thermometer must indicate a figure in the armpit of the baby. The normal temperature of its body, and some day the mother wakes up on a track of heat, and she takes cold and exclaims: "I don't see how he could take cold; I haven't had a door or window open on this track of heat."

Blouses From Handkerchiefs.

An idea which will find favor with aesthetes is the making of blouses from the enormous silk handkerchiefs so plentiful in

